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PRIORITY LIST OF CRITICAL NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE OBJECTIVES

In accordance with DCI 4/1, paragraph 3, the following list of critical national intelligence objectives, with respect to the USSR, is established; so the highest priority shall be given to the collection of information and to the production of intelligence concerning Soviet capabilities and intentions for:

1. taking direct military action against the Continental United States;
2. taking direct military action, employing USSR Armed Forces, against vital U. S. possessions, areas peripheral to the Soviet Union, and Western Europe;
3. interfering with U. S. strategic air attack;
4. interfering with U. S. movement of men and material by water transport;
5. production and stockpiling, including location of installations and facilities, of atomic and related weapons, other critical weapons and equipment, and critical transportation equipment;
6. creating situations anywhere in the world dangerous to U. S. national security, short of commitment of Soviet Armed Forces, including foreign directed sabotage and espionage objectives;
7. interfering with U. S. political, psychological, and economic courses of action for the achievement of critical U. S. aims and objectives.

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